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"VAGABONDING" PRIVILEGE NOW GIVEN ON HILL

Permission to Visit Classroom Lectures Granted Students

FACULTY FAVORS PLAN

Several Changes Made in Ethics and Biology Courses

At a meeting of the faculty held last Wednesday afternoon, the petition of the undergraduates to extend to all upperclassmen in regular standing the privilege of visiting any classroom lectures outside their regularly enrolled courses was unconditionally granted. This is one of the three petitions which were first considered on March 21. At this time also certain changes were made in the courses to be offered in Biology and Ethics for the coming year.

To consider each of the petitions sumbitted at the earlier meeting, committees of the faculty were appointed, the members in the case of the "Vagabonding" question being President Ferry and the Committee on Schedule and Studies, or Professors Carruth, Ristine, Hauch, Durham, and Howson. On the afternoon of April 17 the committee met the representatives of the undergraduates, Ballard, Reed, Heyl, Warren, and Combs to discuss the matter, the faculty later adopting the proposition without conditions. Even more than the petition sought has been granted, for the privilege is extended not only to upperclassmen, but to all the undergraduates.

The regular classroom rules apply of course, to the visitors as well. They must be in the room before the end of the bell, and must stay until the class is dismissed taking seats not regularly occupied. The right of not announcing lectures is reserved for professors who wish to take this means of excluding visitors from their classes.

For a long time "vagabonding" has been practised in many of the leading eastern colleges, notably at Princeton where the students are particularly enthusiastic about the new system as a factor in promoting individual interest. It is naturally impossible for the average undergraduate to even begin to become acquainted with all the courses offered in the Liberal Arts college, and there is another advantage in this new arrangement in that it permits men to enjoy certain phases of a subject all of which might not be to their interest.

Among the other matters brought before the faculty was the consideration of changes in the Biology and Ethics. It was decided to offer Biology 3-4 again next year, contrary to custom, and that Ethics 5-6 be hereafter known as the History of Religion. Ethics 7-8, moreover, has been changed to the Relations of Modern Science to Religion. The latter will be open only to those men who have had courses in science.

Plans Are Made for 116th Commencement

Eighty-three seniors, four less than last year, expect to be graduated in June when the 116th commencement of Hamilton College is held in the college chapel.

Exercises will begin Friday, June 15, and will close Monday, June 20. The first day will be given over to a play by the Charlatans, directed by Donald S. Sprague, the McKinney prize declamations, class day exercises and the commencement meeting of the trustees.

The second day will include the annual meeting of the Alumni Society followed by the President's reception in the library and the Clark Prize orations.

The baccalaureate service in the chapel followed in the afternoon by a recital by the college choir, comprises the Sunday program. The Commencement procession will be formed at 9:30 Monday, and will be followed at 12:30 by alumni luncheons in the Hall of Commons, and if history re-

Classes which will hold reunions include '60, '61, '62, '78, '79, '80, '81, '97, '98, '99, '00, '03, '16, '17, '18,

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At a meeting of Pi Delta Epsilon held on Monday morning, Richard A. Atkins, '29, was elected Editor-in-Chief of the new Hamilton Literary Magazine to which the undergraduates pledged their support at the recent college assembly. Following the selection of a staff, work on the publication of a spring number will commence immediately.

Calendar

Wednesday

Baseball game with Colgate at Hamilton at 3 P. M., Standard Time.

Thursday

Political Science Club meeting at Professor Laves' home at 8 P. M.

Friday

Tennis match with Alfred at Alfred at 3 P. M.

German Club meeting at Dr. Hauck's at 8.

Saturday

Track meet with R. P. I. at Troy at 1:30 P. M.

Tennis match with Syracuse at Syracuse at 3 P. M.

Baseball game with Rochester at Rochester at 3 P. M.

Sunday

Chapel preacher, Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo.

Choir recital in Rome.

Monday

Faculty lecture by Professor Shute in the Music Room at 8 P. M.

TRUSTEES HOLD SPRING MEETING

Three New Men to Join Faculty Ranks In 1928-1929 Session

Appointment of three new men to the Hamilton College faculty was announced Saturday, following the meeting of the board of trustees.

Walter Norton Hess, Ph. D., was appointed Stone professor of biology, to replace Dr. Albro D. Morrill, who was created professor emeritus. Dr. Asa Emmanuel McKinney was chosen assistant professor of chemistry to replace Dr. A. M. Erkskine, who has resigned to take up industrial research work. Henry L. Heyl, Rochester, a member of this year's senior class, was appointed assistant in the public speaking department.

A gift of $13,000 was received from Elihu Root, to be added to the Root Fellowship, awarded annually for scientific work in a graduate school. The fellowship now totals $25,000. Receipts of the customary $8,000 from the Carnegie Foundation for the course in appreciation of music was announced.

Dr. M. Woolsey Stryker, Rome, ex-president and for 36 years a trustee resigned from the board.

Inspectors of election for the annual meeting of the Alumni Association during commencement week were chosen. They include, Stanley L.

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Charlatans Give Play in Utica

The Charlatans presented "Hell Bent fer Heaven," for the third time this term in the Utica Free Academy Auditorium last Thursday evening. This successful play was again excellently produced, and the large audience was highly pleased and thrilled with the work of the Hamilton men.

The work of John Haydn Jones, '31, was again outstanding. He played the difficult role of "Rufe Pryor," a religious fanatic, to perfection, and was the main factor of the play's success. Robert Lafayette Reed, '28, portraying "Sid," the young hero, and Seymour Maitland Pitcher, President of the Charlatans, in his role of a Carolina mountaineer, also did commendable work.

The Hunt household where the action of the play takes place, was furnished with crude accessories and ornamented by a bear skin in order to give it a realistic appearance of a home in the Carolina mountains. The lighting arrangements, which Redmond, '28, had charge of, were very well carried out, and added greatly to the effect of the production. The rumble of thunder and the flash of lightning accompanied the climax of the play.

Those of the college who knew Clifford Fletcher when he was employed at the College Store will be shocked to hear of his death in Saratoga Springs on April 28. He was born and spent most of the 24 years of his life in Clinton.

His brother, Irving Fletcher, graduated from Hamilton last June and is at present teaching in Westmoreland.

The funeral services were held at his home on Harding Road on Tuesday, May 1. He was buried in the Sunset Hill Cemetery at Clinton.

NEUTRAL BODY ORGANIZES TO FORM DECAGON SOCIETY

New Society Is Result of Weeks of Planning — Dr. Squires Proves Valuable Aid to Organization—Society Contains 66 Members

Hamilton College non-fraternity man are now organized. The new organization known as the Decagon Society came into being Tuesday night, of last week, when at a meeting in the college chapel, final plans were perfected and officers elected. The new society has been formed as the result of continuous effort of a group of non-fraternity upperclassmen aided by Dr. William Harder Squires.

Realizing that a long-felt need for such a society had existed for several years on the Hill, upper-classmen gathered to make initial plans as early as March 13. Weekly meetings since that date have been marked with continuous progress, milestones including the drawing up of an elaborate constitution by upperclassmen and its enthusiastic reception by practically all the members of the body.

The purpose of the new organization as stated by its founders is "to unite the neutral students into social union, to cultivate a friendly spirit among its members, to secure social solidarity, to render a full measure of service to the college, and to assist those of its members who may feel the need of its counsel." It is further dedicated to the task of interesting non-fraternity men in undergraduate activities and likewise to the furnishing of upperclassman supervision for sophomores and freshman.

The society contains 66 charter members headed by George T. Farley, vice-president of the senior class, as president. According to the constitution these members are divided equally into two groups meeting within the organization itself known as Alpha and Beta divisions. These groups meet separately two meetings out of every three.

The society is administrated by a council of ten, hence its name. The officers for the whole society are elected from this council. Group officers are elected separately by both Alpha and Beta divisions.

The Council of Ten governing the entire entire organization includes: George T. Farley, president; William J. Krum, jr., vice-president; Charles K. Bogoshian, secretary; Pano S. Shacona, treasurer; A. Kendall Roberts, critic; Donald S. McNeil, corresponding secretary; Robert M. Lake, Ralph J. Kuczycke, Jerrold Rowland and Gordon W. Hofstetter. The historian is Harold S. VanSchaack.

The officers elected in the Alpha group include: Raymond H. Ostrander, president; William J. Krum, vice president; David H. Beetle, secretary, and Harold S. VanSchaack, critic.

Those elected in the Beta group are: John L. Beach, president; Robert M. Lake, vice president; Harry L. Walts, secretary, and Ralph J. Kuczycke, critic.

Meetings will be held every Tuesday night from now until June. Matters of interest to be settled shortly will concern the design and purchase of suitable pins and the provision for a social gathering place for the group.

STUDENTS CONTINUE WITH CATALOGUE OF ELECTIVES

Undergraduates Record Impressions of More Courses for Insertion Between Lines of Catalogue—More Promised Next Week

History 7-8

American History. This ought to be one of the most valuable courses in college. Professor Bonham knows his subject, and the subject is intrinsically interesting. Unfortunately the course is so hedged about with purely mechanical labor that, if you did it all conscientiously, you would have no time for any other course. The result is that those who take the course do the mechanical work perfunctorily, because the marks are based on it, and neglect to absorb any knowledge from the textbook or from any other book. The lectures are sometimes entertaining and often instructive, but as a steady diet, they are worse than a bore. However, if you have lots of time and patience, and you love the Historic muse for her own sake, go ahead. You'll learn a lot.

Political Science 5-6

A subject of intense interest to anyone, under a stimulating professor. The course would be more interesting throughout if more discussion were constantly forthcoming from the students. When the professor has to do most of the talking, any course tends to become rather monotonous. First semester gives the background of international law, and the second semester takes up international relations as they exist and is of much greater interest and value. The text-book first term is inferior to that of the second. As many as possible should avail themselves of this course, in an age when we are becoming more and more concerned with the rest of the world.

Geology 1-2

A rather vague and fitful introduction to the subject. A good text, supplemented by dull and valueless "laboratory" work, and the justly celebrated field trips. An unwarranted overemphasis upon Historical Geology makes the last part of the second term pretty deadly. In general, an "eye-opener," which will give you an interesting and more intelligent outlook upon the physical aspects of the world. Everyone can, and usually does, get a great deal out of this course.

Philosophy 1-2

The only thing approaching an orientation course that the curriculum offers, and as such it is of extreme value to anyone. Everyone should have this course his sophomore year if possible. Aside from the value of the course in giving a broad background for the whole college course, it serves, of course, as an introduction, more or less interesting, to philosophy. It has many dull periods, and many stretches whose importance it is hard to see. Nevertheless, contact with this course and with its professor will broaden anyone greatly.

Ethics 1-2

This course is listed in the catalogue as "The Application of the Historical Method to the Study of the Bible. First semster, the Old Testament; second semester, the New Testament." The historical method consists of disproving and rejecting many of the most popular and widely accepted conceptions about the bible. Except on the few occasions when it descends to petty disputation over unimportant points, it is quite enlightening, although it involves a considerable amount of paper work. We strongly recommend it to all Christian undergraduates whose belief in the orthodox tenets of the church, or in creeds of their own, has crystalized at this period of their lives into an unshakeable canon of any sort.

Ethics 3-4

A misnomer to frighten the uninitiated from taking the most beneficial course in college. Class discussion led by a fine man—as well as teacher—explains "why we behave like human beings." Each man's opinion is honored, and each one's problem thrashed out. A psychological insight into our personal and social conduct. A class which you leave with the feeling that here at last is a reason for answering the question—is college worth while? — in the affirmative.

Art 1-2

A good course for those who may have the pleasure later on of traveling in the ancient world. Monuments and buildings that might appear as mere masses of stone before such a course will afterwards be appreciated, in all their subtlety, for the versatility and progress of the early ancients. The year is well spent studying the development of sculpture, architecture, and painting of the early Greek and Roman civilization. peats itself, addresses by recipients of honorary degrees and by Elihu Root.

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Try "Vagabonding"

A few of the interesting lectures to be given during the coming week:

Professor Rudd: Thursday, 8:30 and 10:30, a lecture on the Short Story. (Eng. Lit. 7-8).

Professor Shute: Wednesday at 1:30 and Thursday at 1:30, lectures on Die Walkure of Wagner.

Thursday at 3:30 and Friday at 1:30, lectures on Brahms.

Professor Bonham: Friday at 8:30, Civil War problems.

Professor Graves: Thursday at 8:30, British Politics, 1818-1819.

Saturday at 8:30, British Diplomacy, 1870 to World War.

DIAMOND SQUAD MEETS COLGATE

Track Team Will Inaugurate Season Saturday Against R. P. I.

In two road encounters, two Varsity teams of the Buff and Blue will see action this week against formidable opposition. The baseball men will meet Colgate on the Maroon field this afternoon in an attempt to repeat the victory of last year. On Saturday the tracksters meet the R. P. I. men at Troy.

On account of the weather conditions neither squad has been able to obtain enough practice to fit them for the contests. The baseball team has somewhat the brightest prospects having already one victory to its credit this season. Lack of experienced men as well as lack of practice will severely handicap the tracksters in their initial encounter of this season.

The Maroon promises one of the keenest baseball engagements of the Hamilton schedule, with both teams eager for victory. With their defeat of last year in their minds, the Maroon men will turn loose an experienced combination in an attempt to redeem themselves.

The Buff and Blue line-up will be the same as that which faced Colgate last year with the exception of the second base man who is yet undecided. "Jack" Morris, who proved so effective last year, is expected to start on the mound with second held by Rozell or Campbell.

Coach Weber hopes for one more practice on the diamond before the game to steady the team which has had but one contest to test its metal so far.

Although the track men have had a number of strenuous practice sessions, Coach Winters finds the outlook for the meet with R. P. I. rather dubious. Last year the Engineers scored over three times as many points as the Buff and Blue. Ford in the dashes, Cutter in the hurdles, DeSormo in the javelin throw, Schnieder and Wormuth in the shot-put and discus, and Ahner, Walker, Lathrop and Clark in the runs will probably represent the Hill's hopes. It is expected that R. P. I. will be especially strong in the middle and distance runs.

Jacobson Applauded At Violin Recital

Sascha Jacobson, first violinist of the Musical Art Quartet of New York City, and Berrian Shute, of the Department of Music, Hamilton College, gave the fifth concert in the series sponsored by the Musical Art Society, Sunday evening at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall, with the usual large attendance, including many members from Utica.

After Mr. Jacobson's recent appearance here with the string quartet there was a general wish to hear him in a program of violin numbers. His execution Sunday of the Brahms' Sonata for violin and piano in G major, and the A major Sonata by Cesar Franck showed him to be a solo performer of the first rank, with breadth of tone, perfect technique, and great interpretive ability. The piano parts were done brilliantly and adequately by Mr. Shute, the ensemble effect being excellent.

The interest in the Brahms began particularly with the splendid adagio and was sustained to the end. At the close of the Franck sonata the entire audience showed its appreciation by prolonged applause. No doubt was left in the minds of any that there is a large body of Hamilton students deeply interested in the best music and increasingly able to appreciate it.

The last part of the program was

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COLLEGE BODY HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Undergraduates Vote in Favor of Reviving Literary Magazine

LETTERS ARE AWARDED

Track and Cross-Country Letter Requirements Discussed

At the regular meeting of the college body held in Commons Hall on Thursday evening, April 26th, insignia awards for winter sports, both varsity and freshman, were distributed, and other important business transacted.

The minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on January 13, 1928 were submitted and approved. A resolution by the council drawn up at that time in regard to the standardization of letters for both major and minor athletics was presented to the students and unanimously accepted. The ruling provides for the various sports, and also for the color of sweater with which they shall be worn. It will take effect at the beginning of the college year next fall.

A proposition in regard to recognition for track and cross country, which was turned down last fall was again presented with several corrections included. A motion was made and seconded to accept the decision of the council and a vote showed almost unanimous approval by the college body. An additional proposal to the effect that any man who has been a member of the regular track squad for two years and who has participated in a majority of meets may be awarded a letter upon recommendation, was also favorably received.

A proposal was submitted by Fred-

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College Choir Sings at Oneonta

After driving in uncomfortable busses for more than four hours over a stretch of miserable roads, the College Choir gave a concert in the First Presbyterian Church of Oneonta last Friday night.

The Oneonta appearance marked another of the series of remarkably successful performances which the choir, under the direction of Prof. Fancher, has made this year. This sober church, usually a sanctuary of silence and awe, was filled that night with the unrestrained applause of a large audience that had been deeply stirred by the music which the men had sung. One might say that they had "brought down the church."

On arriving in Oneonta the men were served dinner at the church. A quick change to evening clothes and the concert followed. After every number there came an avalanche of applause which necessitated encore after encore. Since the local organ was disabled at the time, the scheduled "Round About Our Starry Throne" had to be cancelled and "Periti Autem Fugebunt" substituted.

The program follows:

Part One

Adoramus Te, Christe!
—Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
1562-1594

O Sacred Head, now wounded
—Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Plorate, filii Israel
—Giacomo Carissimi (1604-1674)

Crusader's Hymn—German Melody
Harmonized by
F. Melius Christiansen

My Chosen King Is Christ the Lord
—Johann Sebastian Bach

Part Two

Open Unto Me the Door of Repentance...Leonid Dimitrievitch Malashkin
(1842-1902)

Save and Keep, O Lord
—Alexander Dimitri Scheremetieff
(1859)

Touro-Louro-Louro.....Nicholas Saboly
(1614-1675)

Hospodi Pomilui
—Alexis Feodorovitch Lvov
(1799-1871)

Part Three

Jerusalem.....C. Hubert Parry
(1848-1918)

The Son of God Is Born for All
—Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Steal Away to Jesus
—Arranged by H. T. Burleigh

Water Boy
—Arranged by H. O. Osgood

Periti Autem Fugebunt
—F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
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PUBLIC SPEAKING AND INDOLENCE

It is not the easiest of undertakings to refute the conventional charge that the undergraduate protest against current requirements in Public Speaking is produced by natural indolence. A veiled reference to congenital aversion to work on the part of the men who are protesting is the frequent resort of those who seek a reply to arguments offered often by the most industrious students; and, on a preliminary examination, a thoughtless observer of the situation might be inclined to draw such an obviously inadequate conclusion. Yet is there really nothing in the present organized assault on the maligned department except a concerted expression of an ingrained fear of unnecessary exertion?

That such a judgment implies a stubborn refusal to examine the problem thoroughly and carefully is obvious on the most cursory of second thoughts. The words of Sir James M. Barrie are a partly satisfactory answer to this attitude. "Go through life without ever ascribing to your opponents motives meaner than your own. Nothing so lowers the moral currency; give it up and be great," he says in Courage. Yet this, despite its applicability, is actually one of the least cogent replies that the undergraduates may make.

In the first place, the most intelligent men in college—those to whose views some modicum of attention must be given—are the most firmly convinced of the inefficacy and uselessness of very much of the work in Public Speaking. In the second place, the men who are certain that the training given has been of great value to them, while still believing that the work has been profitable to them personally, admit that they are the men who would continue with it were it elective for upperclassmen, with the consequent result of greater benefit to themselves. Many of them believe that there could not fail to be an improvement in the instruction given to sympathetic and interested men (who compose an insignificant minority under the present mass-production system). In the third place, there are numerous alumni, anywhere from five to forty years out of college, who are heartily in sympathy with the present undergraduate movement.

To briefly dismiss all this unified and decidedly articulate opinion against Public Speaking as it exists today is manifestly unjust to all concerned. Moreover, to assume that the preponderance of alumni opinion favors what has now become the merest travesty on what Public Speaking was in their day is both dangerous and unwarranted. The problem must be faced as it is today—not in the light of what oratory was in the 80's or even what it was ten years ago. And a dogged refusal to realize this—accompanied by a thorough-going repudiation of the opinion of many alumni and the majority of the undergraduates—will never solve the difficulties.

Until a reasonable and logical answer is offered to the question of just why they should spend four years of work on a subject of which the value cannot be even dimly glimpsed, students will persist in their present attitude. If it is, perhaps too presumptuous to expect that the causes of the attitude —as the men have indicated them—be themselves remedied, it is certainly not unfair to demand that something at least be done to change the attitude itself to one characterized by more respect and sympathy.

Bernard Shaw Gives Opinion on College

A Freshman at the University of Michigan has been rewarded for writing George Bernard Shaw an appreciation of his work by a fatherly letter on the good and bad of college, sent him by the playwright. Shaw's letter reads:

"I think that college life makes a man a much better citizen because it is a communal life and therefore trains him for human society. College graduates, like sailors, are very superior to merely domesticated persons in point of sociability.

"On the other hand, college training is intellectually and morally ruinous except to the very few people who have a natural aptitude for its subjects and a strong and indiscriminate memory for all sorts and scraps of information; that is, with certain technical tastes and no more values—no conscience, in short.

"Except in cases where a college degree is an indispensable qualification for some contemplated professional career a college student should make the most out of college by reading what he likes and discussing it at students' clubs (if there are any except drinking and sporting ones) and doing the least minimum of dry work to secure a pass, or even retire without one—short of being kicked out. But every case is peculiar, and cannot come under any general prescription. Travel if you can afford it, preferably on foot and fourth class."

Mencken Gives View On Modern College

"I am thoroughly convinced that too many young Americans are now going to college and that their presence is greatly impeding the work of the colleges. Certainly it should be possible to devise some scheme to weed out the unfit."

Thus spake Henry L. Mencken to a reporter for the Cornell Sun, in one of several interviews recently granted to college papers.

Mr. Mencken, we are told, "is opposed to the college for purposes of intellectual education." With Nathan he holds its greatest benefits are social.

Of compulsory military training, the editor of the Mercury said:

"The military training idea seems to me absurd. I see no reason why the college student should be conscripted and not the young man outside."

And of fraternities:

"Regarding fraternities, I know nothing. It is commonly alleged that they foster snobbery. But I see no objection to snobbery per se; all rational men are snobs in some way or another. That the fraternities exalt fifth-raters and overlook men of merit may be true, but the same accusation might be leveled against any other human institution."

Mr. Mencken urges all who feel the urge to write, first to obtain steady employment. Until recently he suggested bootlegging, but the strength of competition has led to advocacy of taxi driving and similar occupations.

ALUMNIANA

William H. Squires, '88

Rev. Charles Arthur Hawley, S. T. M., Ph. D., '16, Professor of Protestan Religion in the University of Iowa, Iowa City, is scheduled, in the Summer Courses in Religion in that Institution, to give ten hours a week on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus," and "The History of Theory of Religious Education." In the department of Religion are two others, one a Roman Catholic, the other a Jew, and the Courses in the Summer Session are arranged by the three professors on the basis of a "frank recognition of differences, the equally frank recognition of common interests, and the adoption of only such policies as meet with unanimous approval" of the three professors in charge. They unanimously assert: "For one to be ignorant of the World's great religious literature, especially of the Bible, woven as it is into all our heritage; or of the history and present status of the World's great religious ideas and movements; or for one to have no carefully constructed basis for an intelligent personal religious faith, is a deficiency of the first order in anyone's education."

Dr. Henry White Callahan, '78, has lately returned from an extended trip through the West and California. He went around by boat from New York to San Diego, sixteen days aboard ship. For more than a third of a century Dr. Callahan devoted himself with all his tremendous energy to the teaching profession. The success of the thousands of young people whom he directed and taught and whose lives he transformed is a fit tribute to his spirit of unselfish devotion. When he had contributed his full share of time and unremunerated energy to the cause of education, he turned his energies to business. This has enabled him to support with characteristic generosity many a worthy cause. The freedom and tonic of business has renewed a perpetual youth.

Superintendent Frank R. Wassung, '13, during his nine years at the head of the Norwich school system, has effected a radical change in its educational facilities and methods. As Principal of the Albion High School under Supt. Willis G. Carmer, '85, and then Principal of the Norwich High School for four years, Wassung came to his administrative duties as Superintendent with large knowledge of the problems of the practical teacher. He has kept in touch with the progress of pedagogic theory and practice by Summer School study. Among the changes and improvements in the Norwich school system the following might be mentioned: A new grade school building and a new High School building that now provides for the 50 students in attendance. There has been introduced a complete Commercial Course, Manual Training, and Domestic Science. The physical training and health program has been reorganized with a school nurse, a woman teacher for girls, and a man teacher for boys. A Junior High School for the 7th and 8th grades with 300 pupils has been established, the curriculum including General Science, exploratory courses and vocational work. Professor Wassung has been active outside his immediate administrative duties, having founded in 1921 the present The New York State Public High School Athletic Association. He has shown his interest in his own community and its social activities. He is Secretary of the Rotary Club, Exalted Ruler of the Norwich Lodge of Elks and President of the Norwich City Club. The man at the head of a city school system touches the life and interests of the people in a thousand ways and has opportunities that few other professional men enjoy.

Superintendent Earl P. Watkins, '12, has been the head of Ilion school system since 1923. He followed in this office, Superintendent Herwood M. Schwartz, '07. Watkin received his teaching, administrative and supervisory experience in day and night school, continuation school work, and business management in connection with Principalships in Union Springs, Lansingburg and Clinton. At Waterford he was Superintendent of Schools and Director of Continuation School Courses. As head of the Ilion schools for five years, Watkin has wrought many important changes in equipment and in the pedagogic practices of his schools. Expenditures for new buildings and equipment have recently amounted to more than $300,000. Salaries of the teachers have been substantially increased, this item appearing in the total cost of more than $160,000 in 1923 which rose to about $200,000 in 1927. The Junior High School has been introduced, resulting in an increased number of students entering the High School and fewer failures in High School subjects. Individualized instruction has been emphasized, providing for the individual difference in children. Due to the changes in home-life and necessary social activities, supervised study in the High School as well as in the other departments has been instituted. Provision for normal and subnormal children has been made and courses offered to fit the native capacities and aptitudes of children. The School Library has become a real laboratory, coordinate with the Science laboratory. Professor Watkin recognizes the value of extra-curricular activities and gives full recognition, as educational agencies, to music, debating, dramatics, student organizations, athletics and membership in The Sportsmanship, Brotherhood, forensic society and State Honor League and National Oratorical Contests. Ilion schools received national reputation a year ago from the success of one of their pupils in Public Speaking. To keep up with educational problems of the Public Schools, Watkin has been diligent in his attendance in professional courses in Albany State College and Columbia University during summer vacations.

FORUM

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:

A bit of ancient history has for some reason poped into my head lately and refused to go away, so I may as well repeat it, trifling and well-known as it must be, especially since this year at Clinton has been so full of well-deserved attacks on public speaking, Sunday chapel, and other college evils. Last year a certain senior in a certain course had not been doing very much work, which was natural, and not greatly to be deplored, because the same thing could have been said of at least half the college in at least one course. But this senior's conscience was so different from those of the rest of us that he went and told his professor that he had done, in fact, no work at all for about two weeks, whereupon he was efficiently flunked at the end of the term. Yet as many people could testify, there was a very slight chance that he would have flunked if he had not made the confession. There are several possible morals to this story. One might preach upon the virtues of deceit or upon the manifest foolhardiness of telling the truth, which amounts to the same thing. The most practical plum to be filched from this fable, however, without bothering about all that philosophy stuff, seems to be that it generally doesn't matter how much, if any, work you do, so long as you are careful not to go and tell about it. This fact, however, is so well known as to be trite, and if I were still an undergraduate I should never think of taking up space with it.

CARLETON H. DAVIS, '27.

The New York Herald Tribune said in a recent issue:

"Mr. and Mrs. William J. Edwards, of Ottawa, Canada, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gertrude Katharine Edwards, to Dr. Henry Darling Niles, son of the Reverend and Mrs. Edward Niles, of the First Reformed Church of Newtown, L. I., and grandson of the late President Henry Darling, of Hamilton College. Dr. Niles was graduated from Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Medical School. He interned at the New York Hospital and is now associated with Dr. George M. MacKee, of this city, and a member of the staff of the Post Graduate Hospital and Cornell clinic."

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The following note was recently received from President Emeritus Melancthon W. Stryker, '72: "In a dainty 12mo, of 271 pages, full leather, silver top, printed by the University Press of Cambridge, Clayton L. Jenks, '06, has put forth a worthy memorial of his wife, who passed away last October. This verse is done faultlessly. It has delicate humor, deep insight, intimate and yearning love. It truly bears a woman's devoted heart and bares the tenderest longings of a poignant spirit." (The volume is entitled Pictures of Silver.)

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Two committees have been appointed by the Yale University student council to draw up a report on the curriculum and to recommend changes thought desirable. Students have been asked to contribute their criticisms, which will be sifted by the committees. The News applauds this action of the council as a realization of its duty of taking an active and intelligent part in the most important of University affairs.

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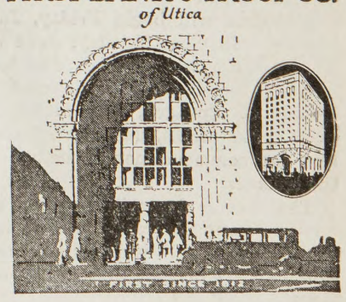

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Greek 1-2

You will be awed by the aorist and fascinated by the pluperfect. Many are awed and fascinated for years and years.

History 1-2

This course comprises a brief review of the social life of Baton Rouge during the Gay Nineties. Extensive outside work in two ribbon typriting is required.

Public Spich

This a tradition. So is appendicitis.

English Comp 1-2

Where you discard your grandma's theology.

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Found! Genius on Faculty!

Dr. Laves suggests that the college burn soft coal so that we can eliminate the noise when it is being unloaded.—Give him a hand, boys.

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Famous Sayings by Equally Famous People

"Rocksey"—"One always works best under pressure, you know."
(It's a motto with him.)
"Bo" McMillan—"But, sir, don't you think——"
"Smut"—"It must be clean or I won't listen."

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William H. "Bill" Squires, local oracle, predicts that it will clear up and rain for house party. This seeming contradiction is explained by him in the following manner:

"All a is p. Cats have four legs. Ergo It wil rain.
All p is a. Sharks are viviparous. Ergo. It will clear up.

These two syllogisms when added together and stirred with banana oil give the exact position of the eye in Cleopatra's Needle. It can be seen from this that instinct is the dumping ground of ignorance.

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Have you got your girl for Winter House Party?

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If I were constabule I'd jail
The guy that spreads the Clinton Shale.

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Scovie Scovil of the hair lip, recently announced that he did not choose to run this season. How strange it will seem not to hear the gentle clomp clomp of "Lightfoot Looie," padding around the field far ahead of the van (Police?) with his inimitable Pavlowan grace. He further told Messrs. Beetle and McNeil, local news sleuths to scrap all stock pictures of himself in Utica papers—with the exception of the one "with sleek hair and piercing eyes" for graduation. "You see, even if I am back next year, I'll be lost to the teams through the four-year rule."

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Heard in Ethics

Kid Corby explains that because the writer of the gospel of John shows intimate knowledge of Hebrew customs, he is a Jew.

"Peaches" Howson's snappy comeback caught verbatum by our ever poised pencil: "Would you say that Dr. Fitch was a Greek?"

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This Coughing in Morning Chapel Must Be Stopped

When a man of the education, character, and bearing of Francis Lester Patten begins his Bible reading with a sonorous, "Come let us weep and howl," we cannot believe that it was unintentional. And he looked so well pleased when the boys all laffed, blushing and smirking like a wicked little school boy who has just put a tack on the teacher's seat. . . . Shame on you Francis Lester.

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Dear Carpe:

In re: story headed "What Men on Hill Think," published in Utica Press concerning undergraduate opinions of elective courses:

Deny categorically all rumors to effect original punctuation was "What! Men on Hill Think?" Rumor started by linotype man, who went to Colgate. Fortunately proof reader is a Hamilton man.

Mark Once.

P. S. As for the one who wrote "the students have suddenly taken the reigns in their own hands," well, he must have gone to Harvard.

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Y. M. C. A.'s Will Hold Convention

Philip G. Corby, '28, and Samuel A. Ives, '30, will be Hamilton's representatives at the Informal Y. M. C. A. convention to be held at Round Lake, Fayetteville, on May 12 and 13. The Y. M. C. A.'s of Clarkson Tech., Colgate, Hobart, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Union, and Syracuse are all sending delegates.

The purpose of this convention, aside from that of fellowship, is to meet and confer with Patrick Malin, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, who is secretary to Sherwood Eddy, famous lecturer and traveler, at the present time. The Y. M. C. A. of Syracuse University will act as host.

Election of officers of the local Y. M. C. A. will be held sometime next week, according to an announcement by President Corby.

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COLLEGE BODY HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

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erick A. Ballard, '28, in behalf of Pi Delta Epsilon to revive the old Hamilton Literary Magazine, which existed at Hamilton for many years. The present plan provides for a tax of $2.50 to be levied upon each student, including the class of 1928, $2.25 of this amount to go toward the publication of such a magazine, and the additional 25 cents to be used as a subsidy for the Press Board.

The college body was addressed in support of the movement by Prof. Ibbotson, who stated that Hamilton first published a literary magazine in 1832. Successive revivals of one or two-year periods each brought it up to the later 60's, when it was again re-established and lasted for 54 years.

The main difficulty encountered was in regard to the collection of subscriptions, doubt being expressed as to the possibility and advisability of including the tax on the individual term bill. The students expressed their approval of the matter and a motion was made and seconded that the proposition be accepted, the details of collection to be decided later by Pi Delta Epsilon. Upon a favorable majority vote, the matter was referred to Pi Delta Epsilon for further action.

It is hoped that publication of the first issue of the literary magazine will take place sometime before commencement.

A written proposal signed by the captain, manager and coach of the fencing squad, recommending the award of a letter to Gilbert and Roberts for exceptionally fine work on this year's team, was also unanimously approved by the students.

Varsity awards for participation in winter sports were as follows:

Hockey

Letters—Beardsley, Bald, Ingalls, Schneider, Scovel, Ford, Smith, Birch.

Full numerals—Montgomery, Harmon, Baker, Cutter.

Half numerals—Brown.

Basketball

Letters—Rowley, Jacobson, Fisher, Normile, Carpenter, Hiler, Sherman.

Full numerals — Leich, Church, Worboys, Kuczycke.

Half numerals—Dutcher, Palmer.

Fencing

Letters — Redmond, Niemeyer, Best, Sarles, Merritt, Roberts, Gilberdt, Barnes.

Numerals—Almirall.

Half numerals— Puglisi, Jarrett, Bailey.

Freshman awards:

Hockey

Full numerals—Wilson, Hughes, Wright, Plumb, Schwaiger, Corwin, Stevens, McConnell, Redmond.

Half numerals—Baldwin, Crane, Fairchild, Andrews, Tenant, Coxon.

Basketball

Full numerals— Morris, Drowley, Pope, Boeve, Normile, Lawrence, Jones.

Fencing

Full numerals—Bannerman, Bates, Britton, Deaner, Hancock, Hutchinson, Polhemus.

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JACOBSON APPLAUDED AT VIOLIN RECITAL

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made up of lighter numbers, brilliantly rendered, notably the beautiful Borodine-Jacobsen Notturno. In response to insistent demands two attractive encores were played by Mr. Jacobsen: The Hymn to the Sun, from the Rimsky-Korsakoff opera Coq d'Or, and Schubert's Valse Sentimentale.

The program:

I

Brahms: Sonata for Violin and Piano, Opus 78, G Major. Vivace ma non troppo. Adagio. Allegro molto moderato.

II

Franck: Sonata for Piano and Violin, A Major. Allegretto ben moderato. Allegro. Recitativo-Fantasia. Allegretto poco mosso.

III

Borodine - Jacobsen: Notturno. Faure: Berceuse. Sarasate: Spanish Dance.

Charlatans Will Give Student Play

Having selected the winner of the prize one-act play contest which has been recently held, the Charlatans will present this short drama on Friday evening, May 11, the first night of house party.

The success of last year's "The Trouble With This Place" written by Seymour M. Pitcher has led the Charlatans to duplicate their plans this year. The contest itself was extremely close and the winning play was selected from a group of eight, all of which were so well written that the judges were at a loss to select the best one.

As yet no clue has been disclosed concerning the author. This will be announced before the presentation on Friday night, at 8:15. However, the play is said to be extremely good for undergraduate work. The cast will be chosen by the president of Charlatans. Plans are already started for the Commencement play which will be Young Woodley, a drama treating prep school life in England. It was written by John Van Druten and was acted with great success by Glenn Hunter. Tryouts will be held within the next two weeks.

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Committee Meets On Public Speaking

At the opening meeting of the committee for the investigation of the Public Speaking situation held last Wednesday evening in the Hall of Philosophy, undergraduate members of the group presented their case to six members of the faculty, advocating elective rather than compulsory work for juniors and seniors. A discussion of various phases of the problem followed the election of Professor Bonham as Secretary of the Committee.

The faculty members, consisting of President Ferry and Professors Bonham and Carruth, representing the non-Hamilton men, and Dean Fitch and Professors Squires and Marsh, representing Hamilton alumni, heard the views of the undergraduates regarding training in public speaking. While it was pointed out that no definite action, could, of course, be taken in the absence of Professor Lewis, now spending a sabbatical year in England, further meetings of the committee will undoubtedly be held before the close of college in June.

The undergraduate members of the committee are Gilbert, Pitcher, Wylie, Combs and Knox.

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TRUSTEES HOLD SPRING MEETING

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Butler, '98, New York City; John E. Becker, '03, Waterloo; John H. Mangan, '03, Binghamton; and three alternates, Floyd D. McLean, Binghamton; Walker McMartin, Johnstown, and Oscar M. Bate, New York, all of the class of '08.

Applications so far received for admission to the college in the fall total 155, President Ferry stated. Thirty-four have been received for the class of '33 and 22 for future classes. Present enrollment in college is 81 seniors, 70 juniors, 132 sophomores and 110 freshmen, a total of 393.

Dr. Hess, the new biology professor, graduated from Oberlin College in 1913, attended Cornell University, where he received his M. A. degree in 1916 and Ph. D. in 1919. He was appointed Johnson scholar at Johns Hopkins University in 1923. His teaching experience includes instructorship at Penn State College, Cornell University and professorship of zoology at DePauw University. Dr. Hess has also done work for the United States as a bacteriologist, and is a fellow of A. A. A. S.

Dr. McKinney, appointed to the chemistry department, attended Central Normal College at Danesville, Ind., graduated from the University of Indiana in 1914, received his master's degree one year later and a Ph. D. degree from Cornell University in 1923. At Cornell he became assistant instructor in chemistry.

Many gifts to the scientific departments were announced, among them being the mineral collection of the late F. H. Gouge, 1870, Utica. Mr. Engs reported that the number of students in the scientific courses has more than doubled. A resolution of appreciation for the services of Dr. Fitch as president during the absence of President Ferry, was adopted.

These trustees were present: Elihu Root, Robert D. Fraser, Charles B. Rogers, James H. Glass, Dr. M. Woolsey Stryker, Dr. Alexander C. Soper, Benjamin W. Arnold, Samuel F. Engs, Dr. Robert G. McGregor, Reuben L. Maynard, Daniel Burke, Dr. Frederick C. Ferry, Harry G. Kimball, Rev. Darwin F. Pickard, Charles A. Miller, Elihu Root, jr., C. Willard Rice, Lewis J. Ehret, William A. Ferguson, Ernest L. Heyl, Clark H. Minor, Neil F. Towner, Rev. Anthony H. Evans.

Monahan, '28, Writes Geological Article

Mr. Joseph W. Monahan, formerly of the class of '28, and now connected with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, recently wrote a very interesting article on "The Minerals in Eastern Exposures of the Lockport in New York State."

In his article Mr. Monahan describes the different minerals—dolomite, calcite, celestite, sphalerite, quartz and pyrite—in the Lockport group of Oneida County. During the course of his discussions he makes several references to the Root collection of crystals in Hamilton College. The following are selections from his article.

"In the geodes of the upper beds celestite forms comb-like and radiating masses of white or bluish tabular crystals. In the Root collection of Hamilton College there is an aggregate of crystals, apparently from this locality, whose individuals are two and one-half inches long and one inch thick."

"Sphalerite rarely occurs in developed crystals in the reef itself. Several well developed crystals are in the Root collection, but their forms have not been determined."

Mr. Monahan was a member of one of Doctor Dale's geology classes last year, and acquired a great knowledge of fossils. While on one of the geology trips, he found a very rare specimen of a starfish fossil. Dr. Dale sent him to the American Museum of Natural History with this specimen, and thus Mr. Monahan secured his present position as assistant to Dr. Chester Reed, curator of Invertebrate Palaeontology.

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Newman and M. M. Clubs Hold Meeting

The first joint meeting of the Newman and M. M. Clubs of this year was held at the Chi Psi Lodge last Thursday night. These meetings are held every year to promote good feeling and a spirit of co-operation between the two religious bodies. The Reverend Father Shannon and Professor Howson were the speakers.

F. A. Ballard, '28, and L. A. Fanning, '28, Presidents of the two clubs, were the hosts, introducing the speakers and leading the general discussion that followed. Father Shannon was the first speaker. He treated of the sacrifice of the Mass, showing how it was a real sacrifice as well as a remembrance. Professor Howson showed the Protestant interpretation of the sacrifice, and pointed out some of the differences among the various Protestant faiths in regard to it.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR 116TH COMMENCEMENT

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'19, '26, all of which are scheduled under the Dix Plan. Other classes may gather by special arrangements. Alumni who desire to reserve rooming accommodations in Clinton may apply at the Commencement Committee at the Office of the President.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Society will be held under the following officers: President, Henry C. Holbrook, '78, McDonogh, Md.; Vice Presidents, Charles K. Gilbert, '02, New York; William H. Church, '92, Washington; Daniel W. Redmond, '01, New York; recording secretary, William H. Squires, '88, Clinton; corresponding secretary, Joseph D. Ibbotson, 90, Clinton; necrologist, Wallace B. Johnson, '15, Clinton; half-century annalist, Charles R. Kingsley, '78, New York. The executive committee includes Pres. Frederick C. Ferry, Edward Fitch, '86, William H. Squires, '88, Joseph D. Ibbotson, '90, and Wallace B. Johnson, '15, all of Clinton.

The business to come before the annual meeting of the trustees includes the election of officers for the coming year and the selection of an Alumni representative on the Board of Trustees.

The speakers for the Clark Prize Oration, June 19, have not yet been selected. The foundation of $1,000 begun by the late Aaron Clark, A. M., of New York, and increased by the late Henry A. Clark, '38, furnishes the prizes. The 1928 list of subjects certified as acceptable includes: "The New American Negro," "Jury Service and American Citizenship," "Our Friends the Corporations," "Standardization in American Education," "Lawrence in Arabia," "Conquest by Capital," "Zionism," "Lenin," "American Idealism in the Great War," "The Revolt Against Authority," "Our Wasted Suffrage," "Labor and the Five-Day Week," "The Economic Story of Prohibition," and "The Unknown Soldier."

The McKinney Declamation is not limited to topics assigned. The Pruyn Oration, given as a part of the Commencement exercises, will be on the topic, "College Trained Men and the New Diplomacy," and the Head Prize Oration, delivered at the same time, will be on "The Vindication of Hamilton's and Lincoln's Faith in the Constitution."

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Committee to Consider Building of Sidewalk

Ways and means of constructing a concrete sidewalk from the bridge at the foot of College Hill to the campus are now being considered by a citizen's committee for that purpose by residents of this section.

The committee is headed by Dean Fitch and consists of Prof. Brown, Prof. Ristine, Alfred Ethridge and Leslie Lewis. As yet no definite solution as to the manner in which the responsibility for the construction will be shared has been outlined. There is a possibility that the group may take advantage of an ordinance under town government which would enable citizens of a district to form a seperate unit such as a sidewalk district for the purpose of effecting some project common to that group. In such case the town would probably share a part of the expense.

ELECTIVE CATALOGUE

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Art 3-4

A course of great value to anyone wishing to be truly cultured. First semester very simple and fundamental, so that the second is of greater value. The most inartistic person will gain some appreciation of art from this course. It should be made available to more students than can take it now, and the students should show more interest in the course, so that that will happen.

Music 1-2

This is a course that is as essential to every well educated man as is Literature 1-2; it amounts to a survey course of the progress of music, with the greatest emphasis placed upon the later composers whose works are played today. The amount of work required of those in the course is about average, and it is work which is interesting. The advantage of working under a professor whose enthusiastic love of his subject cannot but be passed on to his class also helps make this one of the most fascinating as well as most valuable classes in the curriculum. About the only requisite for it is a sincere desire to learn about music, and some interest in it.

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PRINCESS PAUL CHAVCHAVADZE, Sister of Mrs. Wm. B. Leeds

How Test Was Made

Subject was blindfolded, and, in the presence of two responsible witnesses, was given one each of the four leading cigarettes to smoke. To clear the taste, coffee was served before each cigarette. The Princess was entirely unaware of the identity of these cigarettes during test. After smoking the four cigarettes, the Princess was asked to designate by number her choice. Without hesitation she replied, "No. 3"... which was OLD GOLD.

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